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NOTES DEVELOPMENTS IN MANUFACTURE  
OF SYNTHETICS AND ZIPPERS

SYNTHETICS MAKES UP FOR DEFICIENCIES -- Prague, Hospodar, 19 Oct 50

Czechoslovakia leans heavily on foreign supply of raw materials for her textile industry. Even in the case of flax, in which commodity she is most self-sufficient, she must import about half her requirements from abroad. It would be far better to depend upon increased flax production than upon the extended use of wood cellulose, since the forests have not yet recovered from the ravages suffered during the German occupation.

Another desirable measure in making Czechoslovakia self-sufficient is the expansion of the collective sheep farms. The Czechoslovak textile industry has also made great strides in the development of synthetic fabrics, which, to a large extent, will make up for flax and wool deficiencies. Synthetic fabrics have met with considerable favor, due to their attractiveness and washability.

ZIPPER PRODUCTION INCREASES -- Prague, Hospodar, 19 Oct 50

Czechoslovakia's production of zippers, one of her leading export items, is steadily on the increase. The zippers are intended for leather goods, footwear, and clothing. Those destined for export are made of nickelled brass while zippers for domestic consumption are manufactured from aluminum. Introduction of new types of labor-saving machinery is being considered, as well as the manufacture of zippers requiring less metal.

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